

ORDER NO. 1909

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman;
Robert G. Taub, Vice Chairman; and
Mark Acton

Competitive Product Prices
Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreements with
Foreign Postal Operators
China Post Group – United States Postal Service
Multi-Product Bilateral Agreement (MC2010-34)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2013-23

ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO EXISTING AGREEMENT

(Issued December 17, 2013)

The negotiated service agreement approved in this proceeding (Existing Agreement) is set to expire January 31, 2014.¹ The Postal Service seeks to extend the Existing Agreement pursuant to an Amendment executed by the Postal Service and China Post Group.²

¹ Order No. 1884, Order Approving Amendment to Existing Agreement, November 20, 2013. See also Order No. 1591, Order Approving an Additional Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 1 Negotiated Service Agreement (with China Post Group), December 21, 2012.

² See Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief and Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing Amendment Three to Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreement with Foreign Postal Operators 1 Negotiated Service Agreement (with China Post Group), December 16, 2013, at Attachment 1 (Motion).

The Amendment extends the expiration date of the Existing Agreement until February 28, 2014. *Id.* at 1.

The Postal Service represents that it intends to file a successor agreement to the Existing Agreement and that current negotiations are ongoing. Motion at 2. Due to the possibility of a gap between the expiration of the Existing Agreement and the effective date of the successor agreement, the Postal Service requests that the Commission continue to list the Existing Agreement in the Mail Classification Schedule according to the new expiration date set forth in the Amendment. *Id.*

The Motion is granted. The Amendment is approved, and the Existing Agreement, as amended, is authorized to continue through February 28, 2014. Allowing the Existing Agreement to remain in effect is in the public interest and will not prejudice any person.

It is ordered:

1. The Motion for Temporary Relief, filed December 16, 2013, is granted.
2. The Existing Agreement, as amended, is authorized to continue through February 28, 2014.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary